

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pp. 14-18, filed 6/23/2011, with respect to claims 1, 10, 19, 28, 37, and 39 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12-24, 27, 28, and 30-43 have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12-24, 27, 28, and 30-43 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. Regarding the independent claims 1, 10, 19, 28, 37, and 39, the examiner agrees with the characterization of the combination of Drews with the Baumgartner reference. The third reference, Bullwinkel, in the combination does not appear to the missing features in claim 1 of:

"...selectively pausing said subsequent replay of said accompanying audio if a difference between said synchronization point and said time value exceeds a predefined amount so that said subsequent replay of said operations can catch up to said accompanying audio; and

resuming said subsequent replay of said accompanying audio if a difference between said synchronization point and a current time value does not exceed a second predefined amount, said current time value being associated with said another processing of said recorded user inputs."

Therefore the prior art of record does not appear to teach or make these features obvious in the independent claims.

Asmussen, US 7,565,680 B1, teaches a set top terminal, or cable box, having a video call feature (see abstract). Specifically, Asmussen teaches

pausing video in a video call feature, or other communication, based on a difference between a detected triggering event and a user causing a triggering event (see Asmussen, column 47, lines 39-67). Asmussen teaches other events and reasons for pausing a video (see Asmussen, column 46, line 27 - column 48, line 27), but beyond

“other types of options and examples include, but are not limited to, the following actions by the system based upon detection of a communication event or a triggering event: muting an audio portion....” .

Asmussen does not teach pausing the audio if a difference between audio and a replay of operations exceeds a predefined amount. It appears the claimed features can only be arrived at by hindsight, and the prior art of record in view of Asmussen does not appear to make obvious the claimed invention.

Claims 2-6, 9, 10, 12-14, 27, 28, and 30-43 are allowable for the same reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL SELLERS whose telephone

number is (571)272-7528. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 10 am to 7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Davetta W. Goins can be reached on (571)272-2957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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